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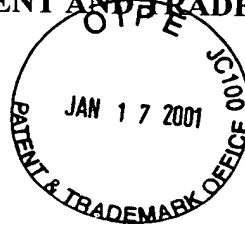
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Sir:

In order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith on modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98.


The submission of any document herewith is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, these documents are being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is required in connection with this filing. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1067.

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